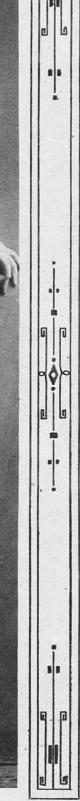
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ONE SHILLING.





"WITH THE CLEOPATRIC FACE": MISS WANDA LYON.

Miss Wanda Lyon is a great success in "Joy-Bells," at the London Hippodrome. The programme waxes enthusiastic about her, and the audience endorses the official opinion. Here is what is written: "What a wonder of a girl is Wanda Lyon. There is nothing she cannot do. the mouth rich in expression."—[Photograph by Malcolm Arbuthnot.]

With her delightful songs, her charming smiles, with just an elfin suggestion of dimples, she makes you her slave. She is the newcomer to the Hippodrome with the Cleopatric face, eyes like black diamonds, and



By KEBLE HOWARD (" Chicot.")

The Most Patient Country.

After America, this is the most patient country in the world. I doubt whether even America, that land of mythical liberty, would have put up with such an idiotic business as the railway strike. In order to extend the war-wage—or rather the certainty of the war-wage—from April to September, the whole country had to be brought to a standstill, hundreds of thousands of pounds had to be lost, food-stuffs had to be cut down to the barest margin, and Generals and Bishops and Admirals had to sweep out railway-carriages.

In ordinary life, of course, the dispute would have been settled in this way:—

Mr. Thomas: How long can the men have the war-wage?

THE PREMIER: Oh, say April.

MR. THOMAS: Give us a bit longer, old chap.

THE PREMIER: Well, will September do?

MR. THOMAS: Certainly. Most generous. Good-morning.

And the strike would never have taken place. Having taken place, it was ended by the public. The public made it perfectly clear that they had had enough of this sort of thing, but they were wonderfully patient in their way of showing it. Next time—!

In America, Patience in of course. America. the public are so accustomed to being treated like children that any State can frame a thousand laws and they will all be kept. Here is a typical instance. Once, on a long train journey, I awoke in the middle of the night very thirsty. Steam-heated carriages with all the windows closed do excite thirst. Clambering with difficulty from my upper berth, I went to the end of the car, where I had noticed a water-tap and a glass. But the glass was missing.

"Can you get me a glass?" I asked the conductor.

"You can't have no glass," he replied.

"Why not? There was a glass here last night."

"Sure. We was in 'nother State last night.'

"What's that got to do with it?"

" No glasses 'lowed in this State."

"Well, a cup will do."

"Can't have no cup, neither. No public drinking-vessels in this State."

"But I'm parched! I want a drink of water!"

He shrugged his shoulders. I had to drink out of my hand, and every man, woman, and child on that train, unless provided with a private drinking-vessel, had to do the same.

No Chicken and Ham.

But I believe Americans love laws. I believe they make laws for the sake of making them. As if there were not enough public laws, the citizens make little laws of their own.

Here is another train story. On a certain "diner" in America, all the food being cold, I ordered a plate of chicken and ham. The steward shook his head. "No chicken and ham," said he.

"But why not?"

"We don' serve chicken and ham."

"Have you any cold chicken?"-"Yepp."

"And have you some ham?"

"Sure"

"Very well. I should like some chicken and ham."

"We can't have ut. We don' serve ut."

"Oh, don't you? We'll see about that. Bring me some chicken, please." He brought it. "And now some ham." He brought that. "Now watch me carefully." And I shovelled the contents of the two plates together. "Chicken and ham," said I.

The steward was unconvinced.

He knew for a fact that chicken and ham was prohibited on that train. What I had accomplished was merely an optical delusion.

England for the English.

We are beginning to lose sight of the fact that England belongs to the English. Lots of people are claiming England. The Germans had no doubt whatever that England belonged to Germany. It took four years of the bloodiest war in the history of the world to get the idea out of their thick heads.

Then various sections of the community began to put in a claim. The miners discovered, with much zest, that England belonged to them, and they went on strike to prove it. Even now the miners are not wholly convinced that England belongs to the English. Imagine the indignation of the miners when the railwaymen claimed

England! Nonsense! Rubbish! That would not do at all! The railwaymen had to abandon their claim.

In the meantime, the Transport Workers were framing a claim. Clearly, if they could hold up transport, England belonged to the Transport Workers! A grand idea! Inconvenience of the public? Waste of food? Oh, well, give us England and we'll see what we can do about it.

If the English people could only believe that England belongs to the English, and not to any section of the community, we should see the end of strikes. That happy day may yet come. We are all getting a little tired of being exploited for the benefit of the greedy.



IN AN ALL-IRISH FILM: MISS KEATINGS AS A SLAVE GIRL.

A wonderful new film is now being produced in Ireland, illustrating the life of St. Patrick. Miss Keatings, a beautiful Irish girl, plays the part of a slave, who, with St. Patrick, is sold in the market.

Photograph by C.N.

NOTE TO AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS: SOCIETY SNAPSHOTS.

The Editor of "The Sketch" is always pleased to receive amateur photographs of Society house-parties, shoots, and social events generally, with a view to publication. All photographs submitted should be fully titled. All used will be paid for liberally. Snapshots should be addressed to The Editor, "The Sketch," Milford Lane, Strand, London, W.C.2, as quickly as possible after the event.

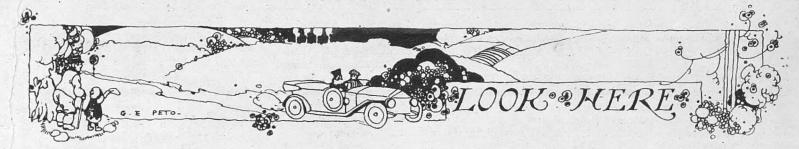
WHEN ALL THE WORLD IS YOUNG! THE ELIXIR OF YOUTH.



PUTTING BACK THE CLOCK: SOME "VORONOFF" POSSIBILITIES OF THE FUTURE.

Dr. Voronoff recently announced that the grafting of the interstitial young again, by means gland of a monkey on an old man might restore his strength and, in fact, act as the long-sought elixir of youth. When all the world is General Rejuvenation!

young again, by means of this new operation, we may see some curious sights. Our artist has given us a forecast of the possibilities of a General Rejuvenation!



N the first place," said Mariegold, "I want you to dispel a legend. Lady Margaret Sackville does not spend her time at poetry dinners-dinners, I mean, at which stray minor poets talk minor poetry, with a dash of Donne and Rupert Brooke thrown in, to give a tone. Even The Sketch has been propagating that legend, and it has got to be dispelled. Lady Mar-

1. Angela has always believed that brevity is the soul of wit.

her poetry too full of a a Book of Rules."

" But she was the President of a Poetry Society once upon a time," I answered, " and still gives readings-she is to give one in November. I believe a President can hardly disclaim any connection with the Society she presides over!

"But she's no longer President," said Mariegold. "Besides. it's one thing to be a President (in the past, readings, and quite another to be labelled literature and attends the gobble-gabble func-

tions of the minor poets. I do really want you to say you're sorry!"
"Sorry!" I said.

"As for the readings," went on Mariegold, "they are more or less sensible and practical. Even when they put out the lights and recited to you in the dark at the Poetry Book Shop, there was

some sort of reasonableness behind it-you had to listen, instead of wondering which was the longer - the bobbed hair of the damsels or the unshorn hair of the young men. But the dinners-no, no! I imagine anybody would rather attend tea-parties in Park Lane, and talk weather or neighbours."

With a cup-and-ball?" I asked. "What do you mean?" said

Mariegold.

"I'm quoting Rousseau," I answered, "who couldn't abide drawing-rooms and idle conversation, and the hostess who gave her guests nothing better to do than to get up and admire the ornaments on the mantelpiece. So he felt inclined, he said, to take a cup-and-ball, with which to while away the tedious

"But why drag in Park Lane as an awful warning?" asked Mariegold. 'Once upon a time it may have been nothing more than the shrine of mantelpieces and ornaments; nowadays it really is frightfully interesting-No. 21, for instance, where Lady Scarbrough has gathered together all

garet is too rare and illusive a person, and character all its own, to be tied down and bound for ever to Poetry Societies and

mind you) and to give eternally as a person who small-talks about

> than to learn about it. And Hyde Park does not find it easy to relapse into Church parades and languorous hours again. My old friend who collects the pennies for the chairs just inside Dorchester Gate asked me the other day if I thought he could get a job with the R.A.F .so impressed had he been with the

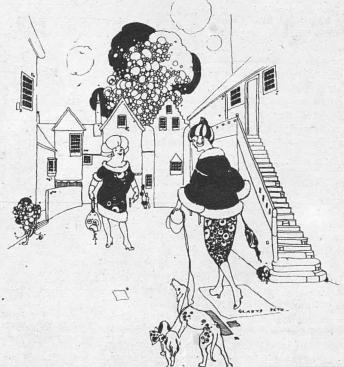
lorries from Slough."

"You broke it gently to him that he would not suit the part of 'IT' I sugon the recruiting posters," gested.

"Of course I didn't," she said. "If Lord Redesdale can drive a goods train at a pinch, and a very Reverend Canon of Ely-a great gun in his way-do the work of a fireman on a railway engine, I did not dis-courage him. Why shouldn't he, poor dear, try to be 'IT' if he wants to? Tastes differ; for myself, I don't take to 'IT.'

The King and Queen were not too late to see something of Hyde Park in its agony. The Queen took tea, and served it, at the stall of Lady Hugh Grosvenor, who gave a great deal of energy to seeing things through. She lives not far away, but she practically lived among the lorries during

"Her Majesty did not take the pennies herself," said Mariegold. said Mariegold. It's just as well to get one's history right while it is being made. But she was very business-like, and



3. Angela's winter skirt is abbreviated, but Aunt Babsie, who loves to "go one better," has one even shorter.

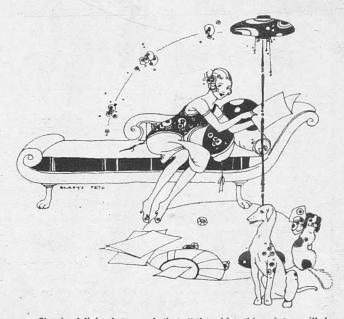
sorts of interesting things. I was last there during the strike, and I defy anybody to think of her house as a china-ornamentand-idle-conversation establishment." 'What, had the milk-cans spread across from the Park over the

way?" I asked.
"No," said Mariegold. "But the spirit of work had, and Lady Scarbrough was ready for anything. If the strike had lasted another day, I fancy you would have seen her and Lady Serena in overalls, in Paddington Goods Station.'

Lady Serena is, of course, Lord and Lady Scarbrough's young and very pretty daughter.

' Fair and serene, which she ought to be!" said Mariegold.

"It took a little while to throw off the strike attitude of mind," said Mariegold. "It took longer to forget about ticket-punching



2. She is delighted to read that "the skirt this winter will be worn shorter than ever.'

a 'cash' lady standing beside took the takings—though that doesn't sound quite right, either. How would an A.B.C. maiden express it?"

London has put plenty of work in the way of his Majesty since his sudden return to town. Audiences were very speedily fixed up with, among others, Sir Rosslyn Wemyss and Sir Arthur Gough-Calthorpe and Major-General Edmund Ironside, who struck people as refreshingly cheerful, all things considered—all things including the Russian tragedy.

"General Diaz I want to see—he gets the Freedom of the City on the 24th," said Mariegold; "and there are other interesting visitors if one knew just when to look for them. Count Romanones with his wife and their daughter, Countess de Pastraña, are in town; and at the Ritz the other day were Prince and Princess Axel of Denmark, only I didn't know it until too late. But I noticed the Princess, without realising who she was—she was so very attractive."



4. In consultation with her modiste, Angela evolves the minimum in skirts.

"At any rate you'll not fail to recognise the Shah of Persia when he gets here in the middle of November," I said.

"I'm not so sure," she said. "One may go badly wrong even with these potentates. Don't you remember the old rhyme?

"Is that the Lama, pa? No, my pet; It is the Mahatma Of Tibet."

The Shah is at present in Paris on the quiet. Then he goes to the South of France, then does Paris officially, as if he had only just arrived there, then comes to London.

"Paris, by the way, is fuller than London," said Mariegold. "Not a flat to be had, furnished or unfurnished, in all that city of flats. I was asked to go over there, but the passports, the two photographs stunt, and the thought of all the little bills one pays over there—innumerable francs—deterred me. I would have liked to be there for the wedding of Betty Sewell and Sir Norman Leslie. Millicent Duchess of Sutherland was there, and the Derbys and lots of other people—but not this little girl."

"'New York hoodwinked' the papers say, because the King and Queen of Belgium went their rounds without letting themselves be recognised," said Mariegold. "It was hardly kind, I think, not to give America, which is so specially keen on Royalty, the chance of its lifetime. I would almost feel inclined to put on my crown if I happened to be a king and a hero in one."

Then she mentioned Lady Granard, who has been enjoying her American visit immensely, and I told her I had been reading Sir Henry Lucy's story—he is very far from vouching for its truth—about Lord Granard and the way he fell into his job of Lord-in-Waiting during Campbell-Bannerman's Administration. Lord Granard used to be chaffed a good deal about his Liberalism by his mess-mates in the Scots Guards—so much chaffed that when he received a note from the Premier, who was then forming his Government, asking him to call on him in Belgrave Square, he might well have suspected a hoax. But he didn't; he paid the call instead. The young peer waited for the politician to come to the point, but "C.-B." didn't. Granard waited longer. At last "C.-B.," who had his hands

full: asked his undeparting guest if there was anything he could do for him. Then the letter was produced and pronounced fraud. "But as you are here," said the Premier, "I would like to offer you the post of Lordin-Waiting." It was accepted forthwith, which meant that the young soldier had the best of the joke, and a salary of £700 a year.

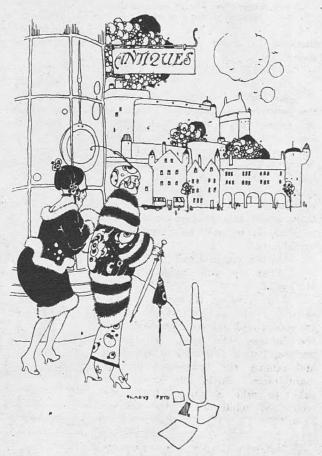
"I suppose the mess got champagne from Lord Gathat night to console it," said Mariegold.



 Algy, however, puts his foot down at times, and the new skirt is definitely and absolutely banned by marital censorship.

"Everybody was rejoiced to see Lady Diana Duff-Cooper again," said Mariegold, "though at her reappearance at the Ritz she was wheeled in a chair by her husband. Lady Meux and Lady de Trafford were there the same evening, and of course many acquaintances of Lady Diana's, who hardly knew whether to congratulate her on her reappearance, or commiserate on the chair stunt."

"Talking of dinners," said I, "it was amusing to see Winston confessing to a meal with the Duke of Westminster. These things always will out. At one time Winston washed his hands of the 'gold-fish dukes'; one imagined him eating haddock in cabmen's shelters

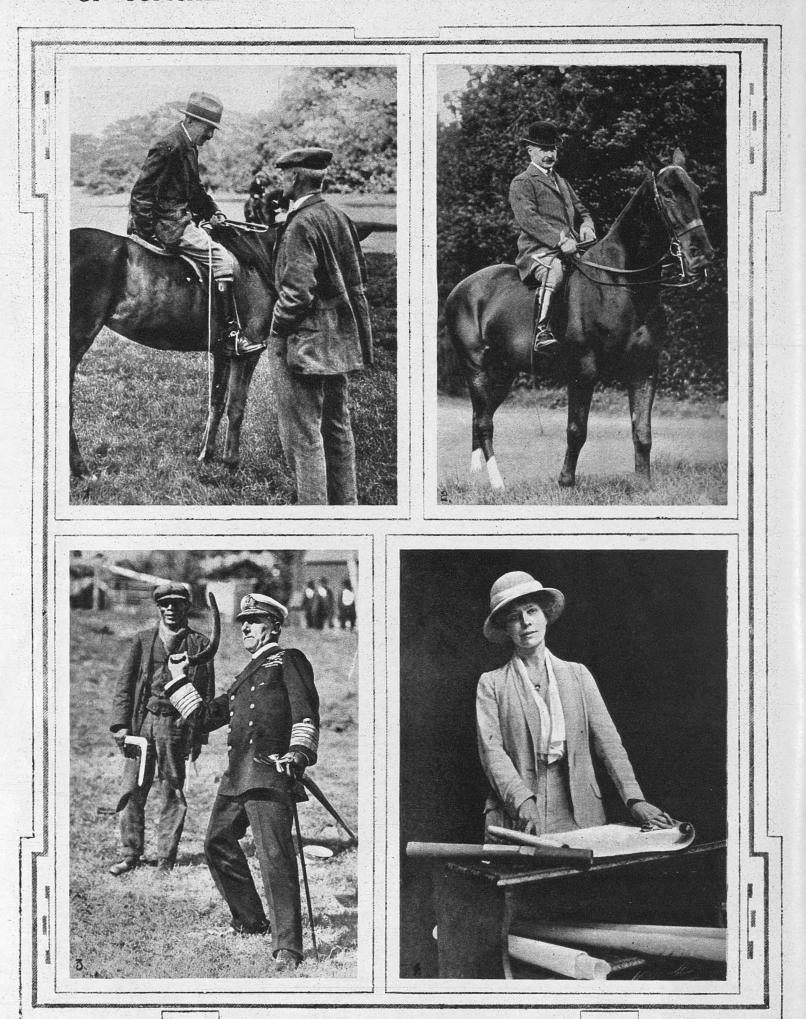


6. The only thing which Angela can do now is to wear the longest skirt that ever was, in order to perplex Aunt Babsie—a scheme which succeeds admirably.

as a protest against the meals he had renounced at Blenheim. But now in evidence he admits that the Tanks were first discussed at a ducal table."

"So one may still dine on caviare—and serve one's country," said Mariegold.

OF TOPICAL INTEREST: SOME PICTURES OF THE DAY.



1. MASTER OF THE GARTH: MAJOR JACKSON.

3. TRYING A NEW "STUNT": LORD JELLICOE THROWING THE BOOMERANG IN AUSTRALIA.

is in full swing. Major Jackson, Master of the Garth, has had, however, to take his sport by going out with the South Berks, as his own hounds are confined to kennels under the Rabies Order.-Lieutenant-General 2. MASTER OF HERTFORDSHIRE FOXHOUNDS: EARL OF CAVAN.

4. JOAN OF ARC UP TO DATE: MRS. CAPRON, WHO DREAMED OF TANKS.

Fox-hunting is claiming the attention of all the world to-day, and cubbing | the Earl of Cavan is Master of the Hertfordshire, and is seen in our photograph at a meet at Hoo Kimpton.-Mrs. Effic Cloete Capron is the lady who figures in the Tank Invention Inquiry, and was referred to by Mr. Justice Sargant as having "seen Tanks in a vision."

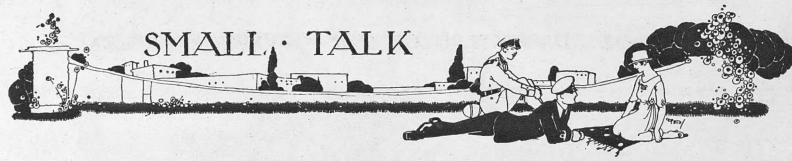
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TO ENTERTAIN THE PRINCE OF WALES: ANGLO-AMERICANS.



The Prince of Wales's visit to the United States, which is scheduled to take place this month as the final act in his tour, will be the occasion of much gaiety in New York. Among the hostesses who will entertain the Prince, are Grace, Lady Newborough, Lady Maidstone, and the Hon. Lady Ward, three beautiful Americans who are as well known in London as in New York. Grace, Lady Newborough, is the

widow of the fourth Baron, and before her marriage, in 1900, was Miss Carr. Lady Maidstone is the daughter of Mr. Anthony Joseph Drexel, and the wife of the eldest son of the Earl of Winchilsea. The Hon. Lady Ward, C.B.E., is the daughter of H.E. the late Hon. Whitelaw Reid, American Ambassador in London, and the wife of the Hon. Sir John Ward, K.C.V.O., brother of the Earl of Dudley.



XITH the return of the King and Queen to London, Society will begin to sit up and take notice. The autumn season, if the "Society" chroniclers are to be believed, promises to be unusually "gay." The thrill of the moment, however, is connected with the "new dances from Paris." At the moment

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of writing their character is a profound secret, and Mayfair does not yet know whether it will be dancing upright or on all fours. But for "the strike" the matter might have been clear; but with so many dancing-room habitués sorting milk-cans and practising as porters, the contemplated exhibition of new steps had to be deferred. Looking Better.

It was rather hard on his Majesty that his holiday should finish in an atmosphere of anxiety. He, of course, has no politics, and never takes sides; nevertheless no one follows events with closer interest than the King, and he had not been back home long before he had made himself acquainted at first hand with the details of the Their whole situation. Majesties' early visit to Hyde Park to inspect the arrangements for supplying London's milk was

Miss Winefride Harding, whose engagement to Mr. A. C. G. Sparrow, of The Manor House, Chelford, has recently been announced, is the youngest daughter of Mr. Francis Egerton Harding, and the Hon. Mrs. Harding, of Old Springs, Market Drayton, and the niece of Lord Clifford of Chudleigh. Photograph by Vandyk.

TO MARRY MR. A. C. G. SPARROW:

MISS WINEFRIDE HARDING.

characteristic of the thoroughness which both the King and Queen bring to bear on everything with which they are brought in contact.

The passion for jade still continues, and is Still Popular. not, so the jewellers say, likely to abate. In this connection it is interesting to recall that Queen Alexandra is a

ENGAGED TO LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEONARD BAGSHAWE. MISS ANNE JOSEPHINE SLADEN.

Miss Anne Josephine Sladen, whose marriage to Lieutenant-Colonel Leonard Bag-shawe, C.I.E., D.S.O., O.B.E., third son of the late C. W. Bagshawe, is fixed for Oct. 14, is the youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Sladen, and of the late Lady Sarah Sladen. Miss Sladen is the granddaughter of the eighth Earl of Cavan, as before her marriage Lady Sarah Sladen was Lady Sarah Lambart.

Photograph by Bassano.

keen jade collector, and is reputed to own a rather unique assortment of figures in this material. Outsiders who are privileged to give a birthday souvenir to her Majesty frequently take advantage of her affection for jade to add another specimen to her collection.

Cake by Aeroplane.

Quite fittingly, the wedding-cake intended for the bride of the Air Attaché to the British Embassy in Paris went over to France by aeroplane. The arrangement was not originally intended to form part of the programme; but more than one wedding party had to alter their plans to meet difficulties created by the strike. The bride, however, had to be content with a "scratch" retinue — the allusion is not, of course, to the character or appearance of those composing it, but merely to the limited time in which they were collected. Travelling by air is still too expensive a business when it comes to transporting a train of maids from London to Paris. But neither Sir Norman Leslie nor his bride looked as if strike difficulties weighed heavily on their spirits.

Not the First Time.

Probably the last thing on earth the King felt inclined for after his enforced motor journey to Lowther Castle the other day was

exercise. Still, if his Majesty had wished to walk he might have done so for something like seven miles without going outside the grounds, which are said to be something like 5000 acres in extent. This is by no means the first time that Lady Lonsdale has acted as

hostess to Royalty. King Edward was more than once a guest at Lowther Castle, which has a fine deer park and excellent shooting. By-the-bye, which is correct: Lowther, or Lowther Castle? "Debrett" gives the second, and to suspect the fat red-and-gold-andblack book of inaccuracy seems something like high treason. Yet it has been stated that the name of the Lonsdale seat in Westmorland is plain Lowther, another interesting bit of gossip in connection with the place being that a former Earl pulled down the village of Lowther in order that the name should be used only in connection with his own abode. The village itself was re-built on another site and named Clifton.



Lord Lonsdale, by the way, used at one time to enjoy the doubtful distinction of being a personal friend of the ex - German Emperor. The friendship, however, was more or less a thing of the past before the war. Gossip has it that the Earl, disgusted with the conceit of the Imperial entourage during a visit to Lowther Castle, compared the Lowther lineage to that of a Würtemberger, not altogether to the advantage



A BRIDE OF THE WEEK: MRS. THOMAS ARMSTRONG.

Mrs. Thomas Armstrong, whose marriage took place at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Saturday last, is the younger of Lady Guendolen Little's two daughters by her first husband, Colonel Edward Chaplin. The bride is the niece of the present Earl of Shrewsbury.

Photograph by Vandyk.

of the latter. As a consequence, Lord Lonsdale, when he visited Potsdam for manœuvres, was lodged in a hotel instead of, as had at first been arranged, at the Royal Palace. The method of retaliation is so typically Hunnish that the story is probably true.

Porter peers and titled vanmen, monocled Porter Peers. porters, gloved coal - heavers, and the like have led to a boom in the manicure business. Engine-driving and greasing" isn't the best thing in the world for one's nails, and not a few will carry the marks of their labours on their hands for some time to come. There was a certain irony in Lord Grimthorpe's services being utilised as a vanman. A year or two ago his Lordship was fined £3 at Feltham for exceeding the speed-limit in a motor-car. Lord Grimthorpe was one of the earliest bridegrooms of the war. His wife, who was Miss Mary Archdale, presented him with a second son last year, thereby placing the family in a better position as regards direct heirs than usual.

IN CANADA: DAUGHTERS OF THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.



IN THE GARDEN AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, OTTAWA: LADY RACHEL AND LADY DOROTHY CAVENDISH.

Ottawa, entertained the Prince of Wales during his recent visit to | Cavendish quintet .- [Photograph by International Portrait Service.]

The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, whose daughters, Lady Rachel | Ottawa. Lady Dorothy is the third of the Duke's daughters, and and Lady Dorothy Cavendish, are with them at Government House, Lady Rachel is the fourth and youngest grown-up girl among the

IN AN EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY VENETIAN BALLET: TCHERNICHEVA.



have won her the hearts of all admirers of the Russian Ballet (that | "The Good-Humoured Ladies"; or the Græco-Egyptian Cleopatra, or

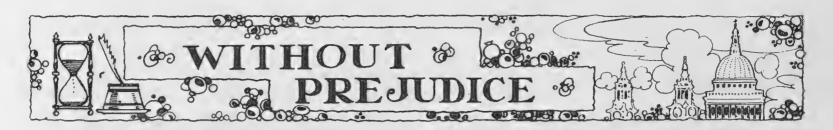
Mme. Lubov Tchernicheva, whose rare beauty and exquisite dancing | whether she represents a character in eighteenth-century Venice, as in is to say, of all smart and artistic London), is equally irresistible | Thamar—but to go on would merely mean a long list of all her rôles.

WELCOMED BACK: A BEAUTIFUL RUSSIAN BALLET DANCER.



Karsavina is continuing her immense success as a première danseuse, on the London stage.—[Photograph by Bertram Park.]

The new season of the Russian Ballet is one of the compensations of | at the Empire, where she is as fascinating as she was at the Alhambra those who are compelled to come back to London; and Mile. Thamar during the summer, and on previous occasions when she has been seen



ONG will the tale be told round the bore-ridden and anecdote-swept firesides of Britain how Uncle stormed the Princes Theatre on the Great First Night. The little ones will gather round him as the wind whistles dismally round the house, and (Hist! Was that a wolf howling outside?) the wood flames crackle and leap merrily up the chimney (Yule logs by Clarkson). Jimmy will clench his little fists bravely, and tiny Nell will press closer to dear Uncle's knees as he runs his long gnarled fingers

(fingers by Rustic Chairs, Ltd.) through her clustering golden curls and tells them the old, old story.

It all had a faint air of special excursions from the country and large parties that had driven up in station omnibuses (Uncle is so old, you know, that his memory goes back to the old coaching days, as they used to call them, when Mr. Thomas used to run railway trains, and jolly omnibuses covered with trunks and tin baths and perambulators and things used to drive around the termini). Somebody said, a trifle unkindly, that lots of them looked like the enthusiastic but unworldly membership of local Choral Societies. But they were all cheerful; so what did it matter? And there were lots of other people besides.

The queue—this is almost the most exciting part of Uncle's narrative—was terrific; and shaking voices were heard feverishly inquiring for seats returned by Savoyards who had over-estimated their capacity for driving in from Norbiton in donkey bathchairs. The emotion before the first tap of Mr. Geoffrey Toye's baton was overwhelming, and Miss Jessic Bond and Mr. (why not Sir?) Rutland Barrington added fuel to the fire by turning up. The purists insisted on silence for the overture in more than the best operatic style. One says "more than," because people really want to hear Sullivan's overtures, whilst at operas what most of us are really after is to be seen wanting to hear the music.

The English Bayreuth was really most cheerfully inaugurated, and it is, perhaps, characteristic of the

ineradicable frivolity of the insane English which so scandalised the solemn-eyed Continentals during the war that their musical pilgrimages should take them so invariably in the direction of light-hearted operetta. There was a due gravity about the celebration; there was a sea of heads nodding in time to the conductor's wand, and the old appeared to be explaining every point to the young. But all this solemnity and enthusiasm was about the Duke of Plaza-Toro and the King of Barataria, not about the affairs of Aida or the Tristan business. Striking, somehow.

The Gilbertian festa is really a most useful institution for Mother of Ten and Father of Eight, and all those other people who write letters to the papers about the disgraceful train service to Walham

Green and the grossly inadequate fire in the waiting-room on the up side at
Ravenscourt Park. Because
they must have somewhere
to take them in the holidays. And those Revues
are so ... well, aren't
they ... just a little ...
sometimes ... don't you
think? That is the aching
void in the Heart of
London that the Princes
Theatre will help to fill.
And about time, too.

The middle-aged enthusiasm which greeted the advent of Mr. Henry Lytton was really a beautiful sight and sound. The reappearances of Charles Keane or Mrs. Siddons would probably provoke from their contemporaries a somewhat huskier, a more quavering, a distinctly less certain response, because so far too much water has flowed under the bridges since their old, original gala nights. But Time, which has laid rude hands upon the admirers of Jenny Lind and the amateurs of David Garrick, has merely mellowed the Savoyard devotees of Mr. Lytton. Their heads, as the late Mr. W. E. Henley would have said, are (omitting his unpleasant exordium) unbowed. So they sat up and determinedly prevented the Duke from beginning his part.

The Grand Inquisitor was full of memories: Mr. Rutland Barrington was there in the house; but Fred Billington, whose silent grimaces were the stand-by of the company when it dropped anchor in the New Theatre, Oxford, was—alas!—not. "The Gondoliers" are—is—whatever the correct number may be—splendid. And whatever doubts there may be as to the correct number in which one should refer to

it—I mean, them—well, you know what I mean, anyway—there can be none, none at all, No Possible Doubt Whatever as to the right tense of the verb to apply to its or their (as the case may be) splendour, because the piece was, is, and will be splendid. Time makes no difference to it. And so say all of us.



A BRITISH OPERA - SINGER IN FRANCE: MISS MILLICENT MIDZA.

Miss Midza, who is a member of a well-known South African family, spent several years studying under the leading masters of England and the Continent, and made her début in France last year, as a dramatic soprano. Since then she has appeared very successfully as prima donna at Lyons, Bordeaux, Nantes, Brest, and other places, including, this year, Trouville, Ostend, and Spa, and at Deauville, where she was the only British singer in the operatic company.

WEDDINGS OF THE WEEK: PICTURES OF HAPPY PAIRS.



AT ALL SAINTS', ENNISMORE GARDENS: MR. W. A. ANSON AND HIS BRIDE.



THE ANSON-HELME WEDDING: A GROUP OF THE BRIDESMAIDS.



OUTSIDE THE ORATORY: BRIDESMAIDS AT THE LENTAIGNE - HASLAM WEDDING.



AFTER THE CEREMONY: MR. AND MRS. J. I. N. LENTAIGNE.



AT THE GUARDS' CHAPEL: MR. CHARLES SMITH-RYLAND AND HIS BRIDE.



BRIDESMAIDS AT THE SMITH-RYLAND — TOLLEMACHE WEDDING: A GROUP.

was married to Miss Helen Evelyn Vida Haslam, elder daughter of

Mr. W. A. Anson, 18th Hussars, third son of the Hon. Francis Anson and Mrs. Anson, was married to Miss Dorothy Helme, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mashiter. The bridesmaids were Miss Frances Anson, Miss Nest Pryse-Rice, Miss Diana Baldwin, and Miss Mildred Egerton,

Mr. Charles Smith-Ryland, Coldstream Guards, married Miss Leila Tolleand the pages, Master Benjamin Astley and Master Lucas Burton. — mache, daughter of the Hon. M. G. Tollemache. The bride had five Mr. Joseph I. N. Lentaigne, third son of the late Sir John Lentaigne, bridesmaids: the Hon. Dorothy Tollemache, Miss Smith-Ryland, Miss Angela Tollemache, Miss. K. Smith-Ryland, and Miss Vere Vivian Smith.



HY do not all of us write things about ourselves this journey instead of panegyricising and pæanising and generally celebrating the virtue, beauty, wit, charm, liveliness, up-to-date quality, verve, and other accomplishments of everyone else. Because we Really Do deserve it, don't we? The N.U.R. may have thought that they could Cramp our style the other week; but Peeping Thomas knows what a poor job they made of it. It was not merely Lady Popsy Lollipop milking, in the deathless words of Billy Merson, the cows from the Maypole Dairy somewhere in the neighbourhood of Stanhope Gate, Hyde Park, W.I. It was not only Lady Mond, cantinière (if that is the correct Gaulish for a vivandière behind a trestle-table). It was something more than the thunder of the morning milk-cans affrighting the burghers of Bayswater even unto the confines of Paddington and the Bayswaters beyond the seas. It was All of Us On the Job. And there were several, weren't there? Not wholly unaccompanied by their due and merited meed of publicity. One stumbled out of a blinkered basement in the Office of Works, where one had sworn solemnly to confer a personal obligation on the King by wearing a striped armlet and putting a truncheon up the right leg of one's trousers, and one fell over the outstretched view-finder of a Press photographer. One bobbed round corners in the more unpublishable and equestrian portions of Paddington, W.2., and found trim young ladies writing up the activities of the Best People in their natty little note-books. And finally-as what the late O. Cromwell called the Crowning Mercy-one encountered among the assorted crow-bars and clinker of the Lot's Road Power Station (named after the husband of the lady who turned round to stare at a very similarlooking place called Gomorrah, you know), one, I repeat, encountered, capped, belted, and blue, a Presence before which even Phrynette and Chicot grow pale, and weaker vessels can only inquire (without prejudice), "Why, oh why?"

If you find fish-scales on the dado of what was once a perfectly good Gent's Autumn Suiting, that is, because the wearer was crate-

WHY; OH, WHY?

Photograph by Alfieri.

pushing at Marylebone, where the little fishes from Grimsby all alight—an occupation, to judge from two bright young men recently encountered, that has a startlingly enlarging influence on the vocabulary. And then there was Sir Frederick Banbury, who, finding that the Recess left. him with no motions to talk out in the House of Commons, appeared in the horse-boxes at King's Cross and was kind enough to let the papers know all about it. Why did Lady C-n-d (one should always suppress the vowels of our more retiring compatriots) fail to discover in the general

opportunity for Striking a New Note? And why was there no air male driven by Lady Drogheda?

And why—this is Serious—did the Young Things in the emergency canteens assume once more their war-worn V.A.D. magnificences? Was it so that they would be permitted by the rules of their trade union to render services in the nature of first-aid to hard-working

gentlemen sufferers from their well-meant but not particularly Moka cups of coffee? Because it was rather a drastic beverage at times, and had Things floating about in it. But hot, my friends, and what more did you want?

Where are the autumn picture-shows? But they hardly seem to matter, now that the Incomparable Max has forsworn the pencil in favour of the pen, which he is wielding in memory of his brother, the genuinely lamented Sir Herbert. They were always the only

shows worth going to, those little gatherings in the south-east corner of. Leicester Square, where you stood and watched the originals of his masterpieces unfolding mouths and drooping their ears in a despairing effort to look really like the caricatures of themselves that confronted them from the Subfusc (to employ an academic term for Brown) and Philippic walls.

What for (this is a new word for "why") did the Giddy Young affright the waiters at the Savoy the other evening by sporting that dis-



WHY; OH, WHY?

Photograph by Alfieri.

tressing variety of the Victorian coiffure that used to be known to loyal supporters of the monarchy as the Alexandra Curl? It was—surely you all remember it—our Only Delight in the Sixties. But in Wicked Nineteen—and at dinner—and on a Sunday night—oh, no. Not at all.

The Bottle, if one may say so, was the initial cause of the troubles of Miss Fannie Ward (quite without offence—it all happened on the film in the London Pavilion on an off afternoon—afgar from the madding crowd, as you may say). One of those movie drunkards with a rolling eye and an access to supplies of reasonably intoxicating whisky, which earned him the undying envy of a large but thirsty audience, brought her up in China, where the stunt furniture comes from. To Her enter Him: her first name was Innocent—which was asking for trouble, wasn't it? He was her guardian, an appointment in the best tradition of American stageland, and Results followed. He was—ha, ha!—a Gambler by Temperament, and he brought his little ward to His Great House in Paris.

To Them enter the villain, named Doucet, but conducting, by a remarkable paradox, a gambling-house instead of a dress-making establishment. Complications. Abductions. What the giddy librettist calls "the blandishments of the polished gambler." The hero endeavours to win a great deal of money off the villain, but upon failing to do so he proceeds to shoot him, which gave rise to serious doubts in the minds of the weaker moralists in the audience as to which of the two was really the villain. Horror. Flight. China. More local colour. They went in the Old-World Garden once more. And that was beautifully and conclusively that. Isn't it jolly how in these dingy days, when fiction and drama are coming more and more to take their tone from life, the movie has stepped into the shoes of the novelette and the penny gaff?

THE YOUNGER GENERATION: A GROUP OF SOCIETY GIRLS.



LORD GISBOROUGH'S YOUNGEST DAUGHTER: THE HON. BETTY CHALONER.



A SCOTTISH DEBUTANTE: MISS DOROTHY JARDINE.



A K.C.S.I.'S DAUGHTER: MISS DOROTHEA MORISON.



A DÉBUTANTE OF THE YEAR: MISS CECILY D'EYNCOURT.



ENGAGED TO MR. CHARLES H. MOORE: MISS ENID DURRANT.



THE DAUGHTER OF AN M.P.: MISS LETTICE BURDON.



DAUGHTER OF LORD SOUTHAMPTON:
THE HON. SIBELL FITZROY.



DAUGHTER OF LORD GISBOROUGH:
THE HON. CYNTHIA CHALONER.



A MAID - OF - HONOUR: THE HON. KATHERINE VILLIERS.

The Hon. Betty and the Hon. Cynthia Chaloner are Lord Gisborough's youngest and second daughters.—Miss Dorothy Jardine is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jardine of Jardine.—Miss Dorothea Morison is the daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Theodore Morison, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E.—Miss Cecily d'Eyncourt is the daughter of Sir Eustace Tennyson d'Eyncourt, K.C.B.—Miss Enid Durrant, who is engaged to Mr. Charles

Hazledine Moore, is the daughter of the Rev. Arthur and Mrs. Durrant.—
Miss Lettice Burdon is the daughter of Colonel Rowland Burdon.—The
Hon. Sibell Fitzroy is the second daughter of Lord Southampton.—The
Hon. Katherine Villiers is the daughter of the late Colonel the Hon.
George Villiers. She was appointed Maid-of-Honour to Queen Mary
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ER OF THE HAREM LADIES' UNION.



A IN "AFGAR," AT THE LONDON PAVILION.

of her husband's palace. She naturally calls in the aid of wonderful Oriental dresses (two of which are shown in our photographs) for the part, in which she excels herself. One of the best lines in the book is the charming description of Zaydee, who remarks that she is what George

R. Sims might call "Mustard and Caress !"-[Photographs by Malcolm Arbuthnot.]





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A NEW LADY LAVERY — BY MR. OSWALD BIRLEY.

Lady Lavery, the beautiful wife of Sir John Lavery, A.R.A., has which is now on view at the Agnew Gallery, is by Mr. Oswald Birley, frequently been painted by her husband. Her latest portrait, however, and is a fine example of modern painting.

Photograph by Paul Laib.

IN MANY MODELS: HEBETH



ROWAN-RED, BIRCH-YELLOW, AND GOLDEN-BROWN: THE FIRES OF "AUTUMN."



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"CONSOLATION": A SYMPHONY OF GREY, COPPER-RED, AND ALUMINIUM.



"A PERSIAN GARDEN": SILVER TISSUE, YELLOW PLUMES, AND JADE-GREEN JEWELS.

The design of a dress is not all the battle in Fashion's lists, for we all know that the manner of the wearing of a gown creates half its magic to Our photographs, therefore, of "Hebe," one of the famous mannequins in the dressmaking world, posed in some of the newest dresses designed sy by Captain Molyneux, M.C., who has now opened a dressmaking establishment in Paris, should be of practical help to our feminine readers, as m well as of decorative interest to both sexes! All the models are named, and each one conjures up a vision of some sort as it appears. T "Autumn," with its flame colour, vivid yellow and brown shades, calls up the thought of October in Scotland, when the rowan-trees are J

HE FAMOUS MANNEQUIN.





BEAUTY ADORNED: IN PEARLS AND PARADISE , PLUMES.



FUCHSIA-RED AND PURPLE, JADE-GREEN AND SILVER: "ISTAR-SAHAR."



ALL BLACK VELVET: "LA VEUVE JOYEUSE."

modises half-forgotten sorrow with its grey draperies and deep-toned copper hues. "Istar Sahar" is the glamour of the East, and beneath its onkey-trimmed chiffon, coat shows a riot of purple, green, and silver. The coat is embroidered with a large spreading Chinese tree in blue. "Persian Garden" is another Oriental vision of silver tissue worn with a yellow feather head-dress; while "Transient Sorrow" and "La Veuve yeuse" are two all-black models which achieve supreme elegance by beauty of line.—[Dresses by Molyneux, Rue Royale, Paris. Photographs by Wyndham.]



HE days are hot, and times there are when I wish that Germany had won the war and that I were a bullet-headed Prussian Officer quartered in Henley, with a Mess at the Phyllis Court Club, and a billet in a riverside house, with a tennis-court, a rosearbour, a canoe and someone pretty. . . . But why make a catalogue? Everyone knows the essentials of a really nice billet.

Instead of this dream of fairyland, I find myself living just now in a large roomful of German furniture and golding, and religious pictures of saintly personages expiring in impossible attitudes; and at night I endure the voluptuous heat of my soft, deep, German

bed, until suffocation overcomes me, when I arise and drag a couch out on to the little balcony overlooking the factoryall the best people here own factories, and they all live in front or behind their factories, as if they 're afraid they 'd run away—and slumber peacefully under a sheet and the stars until the first inexorable bangs of a steam hammer wake me punctually at six. The other machinery begins to clang a little later, and then the big hammer gets well into its stride; and then I arise and go to my breakfast of bacon - and - eggs and tomatoes, or canteen sausages and fried bread. Can you blame me for longing for what is not, were-or is it was? Truly if it were not for the fact that I frequently rest my head elsewhere than in my billet, I should get

married and go and live in the Marricer Hotel in Cologne, where the married people live, and come into work every day on the 7.40 express, and leave on the 1.12.

Of course, Germany is a fine place. I have said so before. We have a good time, and I must be developing a liver to grumble. Only at odd moments one is apt to be slightly overpowered by Germany, as one is by suet-pudding and syrup with the temperature at 96 in the shade, as one is at the end of a day-long Rhine trip. It is as if she were continually shouting in one's ear: "Look how big and solid and pudgy I am. No delicacy about me, no mysterious-

ness, no fantasies. Admire me. I haven't any hidden corner that

you can feel and sense and want to look round. It's all here to handscenery, statues, right in front of your eye, and there are trains and trams to all my show spots." That 's what 's the matter with me. I've been taking Germany in too large doses. Besides-I 've been to Wiesbaden for the last six days, and that's too long. One should never spend more than a weekend there. The first two days were rather wonderful, the other four mere repetitions. I had found Wiesbaden out. She had nothing left for me, because she had nothing to tell

me, nothing to suggest, and nothing to hide. Monotonous, like the face of a German woman. But one does get superb dinners there.

The Kurhaus concerts were not distinguished; the monumental buildings were too heavy for this hot weather; the statues did more towards making me a convert to Watteauesque effects than anything I have ever seen; the gardens were beautiful as picture postcards. The season, already commenced according to the calendar, does not seem to have attracted anyone but the farmer and the heavilyheeled, probably because it 's still a bit too sultry to attract, and the

Kochbrunner is almost empty of the gouty and rheumatic. The woods of the Nersberg, silent and majestic, seemed to me more ornamental than the town and more beautiful. They were empty. At the hotel up there they gave me hot soup and boar's-flesh for lunch.

After that I stayed down in the town and went to ground in the tennis-courts and the Kurhaus Gardens; also the Metropole, where the French officers dance with other people's wives and sisters, like sensible men, and the world, the half-world, and the no-worldat-all mingle in a philosophical Saturnalia. Not quite-I know,

mais que voulez-vous? One must dance, and the only other place worth mentioning is the Moulin Rouge-which is more Rouge than our old friend the Paris one-and, of course, oh, quite, quite out of the question, my dear. Besides, the Moulin Rouge is buried as deep as Rector's, and is much more difficult to find. In addition, there is the Crystal Palace, but very few people go there except the Americans.

I like the way the French manage things in their zone. Their influence stands out nowhere so well as in the regulation of prices. In Cologne the Boche prices swell and swell and no one puts his foot down. But in Wiesbaden the French have collared the Palast and turned it into an Inter-Allied Officers' Mess, albeit it is chiefly

occupied by our Ally and his very debonair ladies of the Croix Rouge. A double room with a private bath costs sixteen marks precisely. If one aspires only to a single room, the charge drops to a mere five marks. But most people prefer the double room. The bath is so convenient.

It is, however, impossible to feed at the Palast. The French may understand cooking, and certainly they can give points to our smelly old N.H.C. 3, hotel cum club cum Y.M.C.A. eating-house, with its alternating sweets: rice mould and ballon confiture (" stale doughnut" in the vernacular); but their menus have an odd way of ending abruptly just as one is settling down to tackle the solid course

which does not materialise.

At the Nassau, overlooking the picture-postcard gardens, one eats-they do a man well - and at the Rose, though at the Rose a holy hush reigns and there is a high risk of encountering old Colonels and Generals of one's own Army dining or lunching en famille, than which nothing is more shaking to the moral.

Just try to imagine living on the best at the Ritz, say, for 250 marks a week, and with the mark down to 106 to the pound, too! Yes, it 's worth while for a few days, if only for the brutal pleasures

As an American Y.M.C.A. maiden said in the train coming back: "It's the cutest place for a lil' while; and ain't it just chock full o' eats?" It is. There's only one other country in Europe to touch Germany for a plenitude of eats," and that's our friend who also calls out "wolf" so loudly, little Belgium.

I admit this is a long-winded way of explaining why I wish Germany had won the war and that I were a bullet-headed Prussian. But still, you understand my mood? C. PATRICK THOMPSON.





SPORT WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN GERMANY: IN THE PADDOCK.

OF BRITAIN, U.S.A., AND INDIA: WIVES AND DAUGHTERS.



Mrs. George Gibbs is the elder daughter of the Rt. Hon. Walter Long, P.C., M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty. Her mother, Lady Blanche Long, is a daughter of the ninth Earl of Cork and Orrery .- Mrs. John Davis, the wife of the American Ambassador, presides over the social side of her husband's activities, and is, like him, very popular.—Lady Ironside, Princess Amut Kam is a step-daughter of the Maharanee of Kapurthala.

whose husband, General Sir Edmund Ironside, commanded at Archangel and recently returned, was married to him in 1915. She was Miss Mariot Ysobel Cheyne, and is a daughter of Mr. Charles Cheyne. General Ironside was made a K.C.B. by the King a few days ago at Buckingham Palace.-

MYSTERIOUS ATTRACTION—A TALE OF THE TIMES. THAT

> BY MARTHE TROLY-CURTIN. (Author of " Phrynette and London" and " Phrynette Married,")

R. WILLIAM PIMPLETON, of Acacia Villas, Bumbleton, was a worthy man. At least you in England charitably assume that a man is innocent until he has been proved guilty; and who could prove Mr. William Pimpleton unworthy?neither you nor me. The delicate task was left entirely to his wife, whom he called "the wife" (not meaning, let us hope, the best one among numerous other wives!).

Until now Mrs. W. Pimpleton, though she never had soared up to the seventh heaven of conjugal felicity, had never had one moment's uneasiness as to her husband's virtue. But with your flair, experienced readers, you may have observed, with a sense of inevitable disaster, that I have been using all along the past tense! For, alas! Mrs. Pimpleton's hearthly paradise in her Bumbleton villa is now being invaded by the viper of jealousy. It began two days after the railway strike. Thrice fateful times! While William was shaving in the bath-room, "the wife" was brushing his tweeds in the hall, when suddenly she found a crumpled little note in-no, when suddenly a crumpled little note fell from his coat-pocket (it sounds much nicer like that!). I need not say she picked it up, neither need I add that she read it. Ah, woe to the wife who reads her husband's letters! And woe to the husband, too! The note said, or rather scrawled:

"Oh you dearest, nicest, kindest of men" ("He must have spent an awful lot," almost sobbed, "the wife") "was not it heavenly last night? All the other girls in the office envy me! They all want to be introduced to you, but I shan't-I want to keep you all to myself! Can you meet me again this evening, same place, same time? I'll wait on the chance. I don't mind how long I wait for you! Till this evening, then.—THE GIRL IN THE TAM.

P.S.—I'll wear it again this evening since you like it so much." Hardly had "the wife" finished that outrageous note than there was a ring at the door. She opened, still trembling with indignation, and was confronted with the flapper across the way,



AN ANGLO-FRENCH WEDDING AT GORING-ON-THAMES: MISS BARBARA STIRLING AND LIEUTENANT VICTOR CHATENAY.

Lieutenant Victor Chatenay is the younger son of the late M. Louis Chatenay and Mme. Chatenay, of Doué la Fontaine, France. He served in the French Army throughout the war; was severely wounded in 1915 on the Vimy Ridge; and wears the Croix de Guerre. His bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Stirling, of Goring-on-Thames. She served in Serbia and France, and with the French Army of Occupation in Germany; and has been decorated three times.

who is a mannequin at Ruffles and Co., in Albemarle Street. good morning, Mrs. Pimpleton. I hope I am not disturbing you at such an unearthly hour, but you see I have to start for Town early with all these strikes, and I thought before going that I'd bring some of that shortbread Mr. Pimpleton liked so much last Sunday at tea. We got a fresh lot from Scotland." With an anxious look around: "He has not gone yet, has he? How is he? Quite well? He goes to Town every day just as usual, doesn't he?"

Mrs. Pimpleton gave the flapper a searching glance which first

tried to read her soul, and last assured itself that she was not wearing a "tam."

" My husband is well, thank you," with a marked emphasis on "my husband." (Lying superbly): "He has gone to the City. I'll tell him you called."
"Oh, er, thank you, perhaps

he would not mind coming across for a few minutes this evening. I-er-that is to say -my brother would like to show him his new fishing-fly. I am sure Mr. Pimpleton would be interested-brother fishermen, you know! Well, I must run away, Mrs. Pimpleton. How are you, by the way?-I forgot to ask you.'

At breakfast, while her husband was sipping his coffeeau-tinned milk, "the wife" was devouring him with suspicious and wondering eyes.

She noticed, with a pang, that William was attired with more care than usual. He wore his newest and most hideous tie, a silk handkerchief was protruding from his cuff, his socks (oh, wonder!) matched his shoes, and he certainly had, judging by the result, emptied the bottle of brilliantine on his pale hair and pink scalp. He was distrait, and his insignificant little face wore an exasperating look of selfcomplacency.

GRANDDAUGHTER OF SIR EDWARD WARD: MISS PAMELA WARD. Miss Pamela Ward is the daughter of Captain Edward Simons Ward, Grena-dier Guards, and the granddaughter of Colonel Sir Edward Ward, who is, of course. Chief Officer of the Metro-

Photograph by C. Vandyk.

The telephone rang. Both he and she sprang up at the same time, and with an expression of steely determination uncalled for by a mere telephone ring, "I'll answer!" they both said.

'Oh, just as you like!" he answered, with a vicious grin, but as he said this he seized the receiver, which was nearer to him. She stood by him pale and shaking; anger made the blood boil in her ears, which did not prevent her from hearing a feminine voice squeaking through the 'phone. She could not catch what the voice said, but the expression on her husband's face was enough, she thought, to justify murder—a mixture of fatuousness, guilt, and apprehension.

Yes, it is I," he was saying. "Oh, I am so sorry, I would have been so delighted; but I'm afraid it is impossible—Yes, Thursday, perhaps, I'll try to fix it up—Not at all, a pleasure you know; oh, very sweet of you; yes, soon, good-bye"—he hung up sheepishly. "Well?" challenged his wife. "Who was it?"

"Oh"-with a maladroit attempt at story-telling-"it was the sweep!" And seizing his hat and the Daily Mail, he rushed out of the house into the shed at the end of the garden where he kept his motor-bicycle.

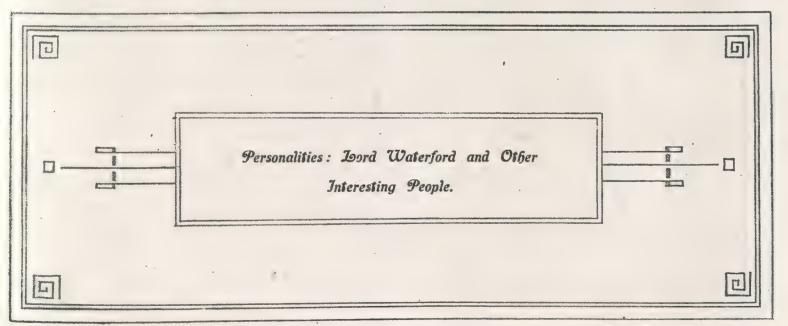
Poor Mrs. William Pimpleton, it is rather hard lines, you know; she had been deprived of an Apollo all those years, hugging to herself the uncertain compensation of a supposed safety, and now at the eleventh year of married life her plain but pure William was developing into a Don Juan! For Mr. Pimpleton had a side-car!



politan Special Constables, who were at work again during the strike.

IRISH SOCIETY-SNAPPED IN THE AUTUMN SUNSHINE.





right, the young Marquess of Waterford, now in his nineteenth year, with his second sister, Lady Katherine de la Poer Beresford; Mrs. van Cutsem, 10th Hussars. -[Photograph by Poole, Waterford.]

Our photograph, which was taken recently in Ireland, shows, from left to the daughter of Sir John and Lady Arnott, and twin-sister of Lady de Freyne; and Lord Bellew, the fourth Baron, who is a Major in the

AN ECHO FROM ARCHANGEL!



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[&]quot;Good Lord! Why, it's the ice-machine we indented for in Mesopotamia!"



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THE SKETCH.

HE Cesarewitch will be run upon the day that these notes are dated; but as it is always necessary to write them some time ahead, and as we live in a state of uncertainty, the disadvantage under which one labours is doubtless obvious. Before we go any further, however, I think most racing people are of one mind where the recent criticism of the unfortunate action of the Stewards of the Jockey Club is concerned. It was carried too far. The Stewards made a mistake, as lots of other people do: they regretted it; they corrected it. Let that suffice. The Stewards of the Jockey Club are honourable gentlemen who have their country's interests very close to their hearts, and they are not deserving of all the hard things that have been said of them. No one denies that it was an error

to try to race when the strike was on, and that holding the first day of the Newmarket Meeting operated very unfairly where the "provincial" owner was concerned; but having said that, why not leave it at that and cease this "pin-pricking"? I heard last week that the Stewards contemplated placing themselves entirely in the hands of the Board of Trade whether any meetings should be sanctioned before the end of this month, for it was said that they took the view that the congestion of goods traffic must necessarily be great, and that under such circumstances they had no desire to give any incentive to the running of pleasure trains. This hardly looks as if the Stewards of the Jockey Club were a body of callous, careless individuals who did not concern themselves with the welfare of the State, and were bent upon putting the interests of racing in front of the public, needs. There are far too many people who

are fond of Donnybrook methods and of hitting a head wherever they see it!

In my own private opinion, the Stewards would have been quite justified in putting back the Newmarket Second October a week or even a fortnight, "off their own bat," under present circumstances, for although we are rid of the strike-for the momenteverything is disorganised, and it might easily happen that some stables situated at centres distant from Newmarket, would find no small difficulty in getting their horses on the lines. One heard that some strings contemplated marching their horses to Headquarters in the good oldfashioned way; but times have changed somewhat since the days of our

grandfathers, when the old coaching and hunting inn had a range of excellent loose-boxes. Very few owners, I expect, would care about running the risk of a bad stable, even if "only for one night" (as the butler at Sir Moses Mainchance's put it to Fine Billy in "Ask Mamma") under present conditions. I do not think many of us realise how much leeway has to be made up, and what is the exact amount of work which will be and has been thrown upon the Traffic Staffs of our railways. I think one only begins to realise it after talking to a Traffic Manager, who has worked all through the strike, and is now being driven nearly demented trying to rearrange things after the strike. As he said to me, "One gets none of the ha'pence, but more than half the kicks, and no one ever says a good word for us." That is why I want you to say this good word for a very sorely tried body of officials, without whose aid in the recent strenuous period we should have been in a very bad way indeed,

However willing the amateur-and we all know how well he did his bit-he could not have done so well if he had not had these devoted professionals, who stuck to their guns, behind him.

Last week people in one's club were laying odds against the Cesarewitch being run, and there were not a few of the ante-post speculators who hoped that it would not! Seeing, however, that it is to be, I do not think we can do better than pick the best public performers to be there or thereabouts. Now I have always held, in face of "great argument about it and about," that Haki is one of the most consistent long-distance performers of the season, and the problem of this race is, to my mind, built upon him. Haki is

in at 9st. 2lb., Golden Melody at 6st. 3lb.; that is to say, three stone all but a pound. It is a big concession. When Haki beat Golden Melody a neck in the Goodwood Plate, which is one furlong farther than the Cesarewitch, the weights were 9st. olb. and 6st 11lb. respectively-that is to say, that it works out like this:

Haki - - - 2 miles 3 furs. - 9 o Golden Melody - 2 miles 3 furs. - 6 II difference 2st. 3lb.

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On this it looks almost any odds upon Golden Melody being in front of Haki, for there is rolb. for a neck beating! What handicapper on earth would penalise a horse 10lb. for a neck beating, even if he had won hard held? I have known cases in which I have thought that 5lb. was more than enough for

such a victory. But in this instance we are not talking about anything of that sort. The Goodwood Plate was run clean out. Haki had to go for his life to win by a neck. He may be a better stayer than his runner-up, but that is no use to us. If he is a better stayer, he is at a disadvantage over a furlong less. On this form there is no doubt. But even if we were in doubt, Golden Melody's recent victory over a good stayer like Ivanhoe is a useful endorsement. are told that Cottrill knows that Gay Lord is better than Ivanhoe at even weights. In the Cesarewitch the weights are:-

Ivanhoe



LORD DURHAM.

CRITICISED FOR PERMITTING RACING DURING THE STRIKE: STEWARDS OF THE JOCKEY CLUB .- [Photographs by Russell and Lafayette.]

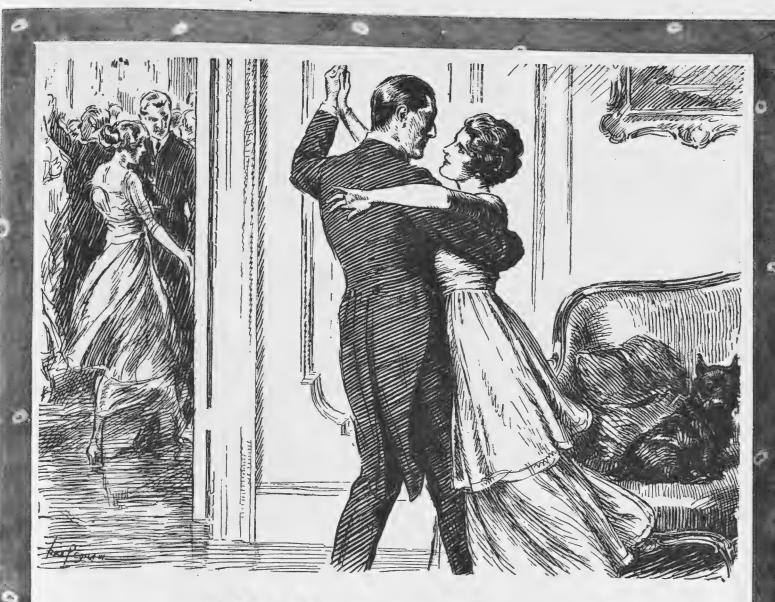
LORD LONSDALE.

the Cesarewitch, Golden Melody has got to be able to beat Ivanhoe at 9lb. more weight than he (Golden Melody) carries. It sounds a bit complicated, but it isn't, if we bear in mind that we have got to take it that Ivanhoe and Gay Lord are virtually the same horse at 7st. 12lb. Now at two miles at Gatwick, in the Stayers' Handicap (2 miles), the weights were :-Golden Melody -Ivanhoe - -- 7 4 difference 1st. 10lb.

In the Cesarewitch it is 1st. 9lb. At Gatwick, Golden Meiody won two lengths comfortably, and even if Ivanhoe had had an easy passage, which he had not, he would not have won. Therefore, if we take two lengths easy to mean even a five pounds beating, and we take Ivanhoe and Gay Lord to be the same horses at 7st. 12lb. in the Cesarewitch-what do you make of it? , [Continued on page L



Gay Lord - - 7 o Golden Melody - 6 3 That is to say that in



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SOME QUAINT POINTS ABOUT THE AERIAL MAIL SERVICE. By C. G. GREY, Editor of "The Aeroplane."

RULY the ways of Government Departments are past all understanding. As was indicated in these notes last week, the Government and the Aircraft Industry between them had the finest opportunity ever offered of making a huge success of aerial mails-carrying. Certainly the Aircraft Industry did its part nobly, but the Government side of the proposition really seems to have been too farcical for words. In spite of the advice of the aircraft people to the contrary, the Post-Office began by putting the price of aerial postage at two shillings per ounce, and concurrently proceeded to hire compulsorily—or in other words "com-

mandeer"—practically every civil aeroplane in the country. Of course, hardly anybody thought for a moment of sending letters by air post at two shillings an ounce, and the natural result was that, in spite of all the free advertising that the aerial post got from the Press, the total number of letters sent on the first day after this absurd arrangement was made was 315—that is to say, not quite 20 lb. weight of letters. As against this, the cargo capacity of the aeroplanes commandeered for the purpose in the London district is stated to have been 4750 lb., which means capacity for 76,000 letters at an ounce apiece.

A Profiteering
Aspect of
the Matter.

Naturally, the commandeering of the commercial aeroplanes stopped the cross-country passenger flying which quite a number of business

people in a hurry found to be very valuable during the early days of the strike. But there is another aspect of the question which puts rather a different complexion on the matter. Consider for a moment that the ordinary single-engined passenger machine of to-day will carry 700 lb. of dead load quite comfortably, and that the big machines will carry 1500 lb. or more. Now 700 lb.

means 11,200 oz., which at 2s. per oz., the Government rate, means £1120 in postage on one ordinary single-engined passenger machine—provided always, of course, that the machine had its full load of mails. Against this one is told that the Government price for hiring an ordinary single-engined passenger machine for the trip from London to Manchester or thereabouts was £100; so that on this showing, if the Government ever got the full load for a machine, it would make £1020 on the trip. From this would have to be deducted the cost of sending a motor-van out to the aerodrome with the aerial



ANOTHER GIANT OF THE AIR: THE BLERIOT AERO-BUS.

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mail, and of another van fetching the mail from the aerodrome at the other end of the journey. For this, at a liberal estimate, one might knock off the other £20, and thus the Government would make a clear £1000 profit on an outlay of £120, or a matter of something like 850 per cent. profit. And this same Government is setting up tribunals to inquire into cases of profiteering!

What was the Reason?

Of course, as one remarked at the beginning of these notes, the price of two shillings per ounce utterly defeated its own object, if that object was to profiteer on the aerial mails. Perhaps, after all, the real

object was to stop passenger flying during the strike. This may have been with the laudable object of preventing joy-riding when petrol was badly needed for matters of urgent importance, or it may have been with deeper political intent. For example, Italy, one hears, has entirely stopped all civilian flying—even the civilian air mails to Sardinia—because it wants to stop any possibilities of communication by air with that gentleman who is known, according to one's taste, either as the "Poet Patriot" or the "Rebel Versifier," Major Gabriele d'Annunzio. Perhaps, in a similar way, the Government is afraid that the Bolshevik section of the Trade Union leaders



A TRIAL THAT ENDED IN A SUMMONS: POULAIN ATTEMPTING TO FLY FOR TEN METRES ON AN ENGINELESS BICYCLE-AEROPLANE.

Poulain, the French champion cyclist, endeavoured, the other day, to win the 10,000-franc Peugeot prize by making the first ten-metre flight on an engineless bicycle-aeroplane. He succeeded—in getting summoned for riding in a Paris public park without a permit!

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may prevail upon some of our civilian aviators to transport them about the country in the course of their nefarious agitations. From what one knows of the civilian aviators, practically all of whom are ex-R.A.F. officers, they would be very much more likely, if they found a Labour agitator had booked a passage with them, to turn their machines upside down as soon as they were clear of the aerodrome and decant the said agitator on to the surrounding country. Therefore, this can scarcely be the reason for the Government having stopped passenger flying.

The Petrol-Conservation Theory. Conservation of petrol can hardly be a reason either, because one is told that the Government was seriously considering establishing an

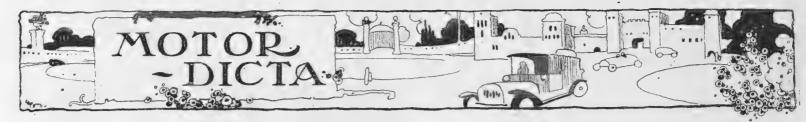
aeroplane mail service for official letters by means of 'Bristol Fighters" across the Irish Channel. - It so happens that the ordinary Irish mail-boats are running perfectly regularly, and do the journey from Holyhead to Kingstown in about three hours. The aeroplanes would cross the Channel at very considerable risk, because they are land machines and not seaplanes, as they ought to be. They would take, perhaps, threequarters of an hour to go from Holyhead to the official landing-ground, which is ten or twelve miles on the wrong side of Dublin, and then the mails must take the better part of an hour to get into Dublin from the landing-ground. Consequently, the net saving on the aeroplane service between Holyhead and Dublin is, perhaps, about an hour; the expenditure of petrol on the said service and the risk to the crews of the aeroplanes is very great; and so the whole thing seems to be utterly

unnecessary, though there might be some excuse for running a seaplane service from Holyhead right into Dublin.

Not a Cause of Congratulation.

And then, after having commandeered the civilian aeroplanes for three days, and having disorganised the plans of the various companies for carrying passengers, the Post Office has cancelled the sending of mails by civilian aeroplanes. It is thought better to use R.A.F. machines. On the whole, therefore, one cannot congratulate either the Air Ministry or the Post Office on its first attempt to foster commercial aeronautics by means of aerial postal services.





THE MOTOR AS STRIKE-BREAKER: OLYMPIA. By GERALD BISS.

If it were not for the frightful seriousness of things at the back of it, in these automobilious days a railway strike would frankly be rather fun, with its adventurous atmosphere of topsy-turvydom, every man finding holiday, mental or physical, in doing some other man's work—a picnic without the inherent banality of such outdoor orgies. No man is better suited both by mentality and practice to such a state of things than the practical automobilist, be he an amateur or a lorry-driver; and at such a

crisis he is far more in his element than the railway gent at leisure, twiddling his thumbs and twaddling subversively at streetcorners, trying to work up either enthusiasm or indignation upon Government ale or local very small beer, and fearing to seek the sanctity of his home for fear of wifely upbraidings. During the strike the only miserable folk I saw were self-conscious strikers who did not want to strike at the command of General Thomas. I am very fond of the decent working man; but, frankly, enforced leisure does not suit him either intellectually or socially. He has so little to fall back upon-leave it at thatand either becomes passively miserable or actively nasty according, not to programme, but to temperament.

The "Idle Rich" On the other hand, the as Engine-Drivers. "idle rich"

—if such exist outside the unhallowed circle of our war profiteers in these super-super-taxed days—wallow in the opportunity of handling milk-churns, carting coal, driving trains, and, if necessary,

even driving cars. Lord Montagu deserts his Rolls-Royce for his first post-Oxford love, the little old railway engine, and drives the Bournemouth Express: while Captain "Fred-die" Guest hangs up his whip at Westminster and takes charge of my own main line train; and so on all through. I personally had a pleasant experience interviewing postmasters on behalf of the "A.A.'s" big mail scheme in conjunction with the G.P.O. The King had a most sporting drive all the way from Balmoral hot-tyre to Buckhouse -much jollier than a stuffy old railway train; and, as far as I can make out, nobody anything lacked in the way of milk and meal or meat and malt, though there were rumours of whisky shortages.

The Triumph of the Automobile.

Well, the strike is over and peace is restored—for the present and upon the surface, at any rate; but a whole week, plus a long week-end—ten solid days out of the year's quota—has not only been lost, but worse than dead lost, inasmuch as it has thrown

everything out of gear, and hung up and congested every branch of industry throughout the country—not least of all motor-production. And what have we on the credit side? Only one thing, but that a very great thing—the triumph of the automobile, light and heavy, as a strike-breaker, the victory of mobile over immobile traffic, and the assurance that we can face and break bigger strikes than this after such a successful dress-rehearsal. Next time (don't think I am a pessimist—merely one who likes to think on the safe

fangled combuttion engine on unflanged, rubber-shod wheels, free

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who likes to think on the safe side) the blow will be more sudden still; but the strike-breaking patriot and the amateur of the wheel will know his post and make straight for it. The big associations, such as the R.A.C. and the A.A., have found their feet and done splendid work: but next time there will be no organising, as in the case of the effervescent and inimitable A.A., of petrol - distribution schemes or mail services-both of vital importance—but the pressing of a button and the setting of the machinery in motion. The automobile and its owner have deserved well of the Brothers Geddes: may they now reward them according to their deeds, and not prove themselves ungrateful! This strike has been an ocular demonstration of the new order of things, which is sorting itself into proper perspective of past and future in the kaleidoscope of the hectic present-with no small balance in favour of the new-



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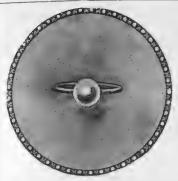
ONE OF THE TANK-INVENTION CLAIMANTS: SIR WILLIAM TRITTON, WITH LADY TRITTON, INSPECTING THE DEMONSTRATION TANK AT LINCOLN'S INN.

Sir William Tritton (jointly with Major W. G. Wilson) is one of the eleven claimants to bounties for inventions used in the evolution of Tanks. The hearing of their claims by the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors began last week in the old hall of Lincoln's Inn. A demonstration Tank was stationed in the court outside.—[Photograph by British Illustrations, Ltd.]

Olympia and the Future.

But, none the less, a practical fortnight has been wasted at a most critical time: though Olympia stands assured next month, unless fresh trouble crops up, it will more and more assume the aspect of a whited sepulchre-or rather, a gilded mausoleumin the way of delivcries; while the British industry finds itself further and further handicapped not only at home, but in the big markets abroad; while Labour deliberately gambles with its future wages before consolidating the position beneath its feet. Behind the railway strike, overshadowed by its vast intensity, the strike of the ironfounders, a "key" industry to motor manufacture, still goes on

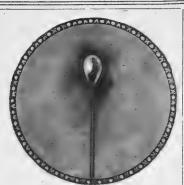
at the hour of writing, and hands are being turned off by thousands just when employers want them most. Next year we are to have not one Olympia, but two. Let us hope that after this big industrial hiatus, coming on top of everything else, we shall all pull together in the common interest for a while, and bury the hatchet.



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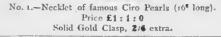
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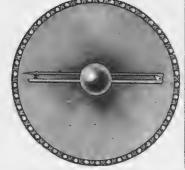
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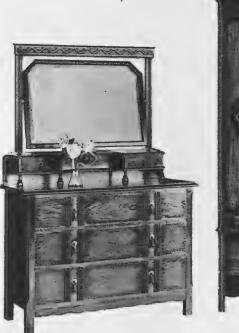
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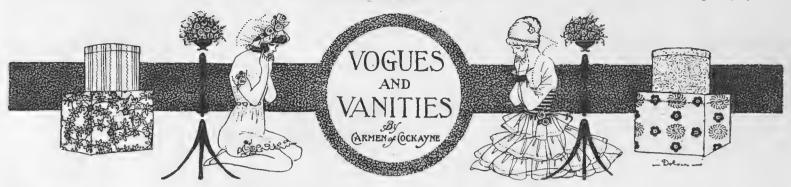
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Setting the Fashion.

The other day some young Canadian was sadly reflecting on the indifference displayed by British womanhood toward the Prince of Wales. "If only he was our very own Prince." she sighed in effect,

we wouldn't treat him like the cold British women." But, of course, the real truth is that "the cold British women" love the young Prince very much; indeed, they love him so much that they 've even let him set a fashion. No, it's not to do with clothes, exactly; but ever since it was reported that H.R.H., who seems to be a really model brother, had bought or ordered an eagle-feather fan for his sister left at home, eaglefeather fans have been sprouting up in the most wonderful way. A particularly fine example was one I saw at a



A vanity bag has now as a companion a vanity fan.

"first night" the other day. The owner kept it in front of her face so persistently that for a while I thought it was the Princess hoping to escape recognition—but it wasn't. If the object was to get attention for the fan, it was achieved.

A Fan for a Beauty.

All of which leads up to the subject of the vanity fan Dolores has sketched on this page, with the mirror most cunningly concealed on one of the outside sticks. In this particular instance the mirror is perfectly frank about itself; but it does sometimes develop bashful tendencies. In that case there's no end to the ingenious devices used to conceal its presence. If you see someone holding a fan with what looks like a particularly fine bit of enamel or crystal set in the front stick, don't be too sure that it's there for ornament only. Ten to one there 's a spring or some other device which, when operated, will reveal a mirror, and maybe a wee block of powder and a puff too.



If you can imagine the exact shade of blue known as thunder, you'll know exactly what this looks like.

Those Untidy Ankles.

Can't someone invent a device for keeping satin boots from wrinkling round the ankle?
I'm quite aware that Dolores has drawn a pair, but they are for boudoir use, and not unduly long. My quarrel is with the kind that hardly deserves the name of:boot-those anomalous affairs that are cut away in front and show a vast expanse of satin up the back and half-way round the calf. The gulf between the edges is bridged by lacings of ribbon, and the result, from

the onlooker's point of view, is very unsatisfactory—one pair I saw dancing the other day looked anything but elegant, being merely a collection of wrinkles. There's nothing so attractive as a pretty ankle, so why hide it? If one's ankles happen to be less beautiful than one would desire, boots of the kind I have mentioned only make them worse, so the argument in favour of shoes is a doubly strong one.

The Latest. Fashion, one knows, is not confined to women's clothes, and there 's hardly a department of life in which she doesn't exercise some influence. To do the Mode justice, she generally uses her powers with discretion, but I fancy there are a good many women who will view with dismay her latest departure in household adornments. "Dumpy" floor cyshions are no longer as popular as they were—huge, round, and rather flat

fur ones are taking their places. From the seating point of view there's no comparison between the two. The "Dumpy" did, at least, allow you some hope of rising without an unseemly scramble. But the new cushions make one a fixture until the last visitor has passed out of the door.

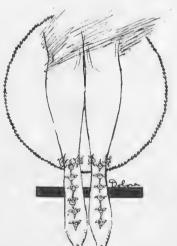
Fancies in Dyes. Sometimes the round, fur floor-cushion is made only of one kind of fur. Sometimes furs are mixed, and nutria may introduce variety into a background of black wolf; and the combination need not be limited only to these two pelts. Generally speaking, cushions of this

It's a jazz bag, and perfumed at that, and guaranteed not to impede the dancer's movements.

kind are restricted to the more hardy varieties of skin, but not always. Some of them are cheery-looking objects in orange-dyed fox, with strips of seal musquash introduced for variety. Blue

moleskin is another novelty; and though it savours of sacrilege, it's possible to get emerald-green pelts in both fox and coney. An eye for colour-contrasts is all that seems necessary in combining the furs—which, so far as colour goes, become more fashionable as they travel further from their natural state.

Beaded gowns



Tiny feet are essential if white satin boots are to look their best.

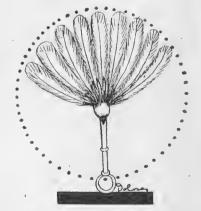
Beaded Gowns.

The growing are growing more popular every day. As a rule, gowns of this type were kept exclusively for evening wear, but that rule holds good no longer. It's true that in many cases there's very little to distinguish the afternoon gown from its evening sister so far as want of sleeves and corsage go, and now that paillettes can appear with perfect

propriety at the lunch-table, and add to the morning gaiety of Bond Street, the difference is still less. Nevertheless, "shiny" decoration has, so far, been more or less regarded as real evening

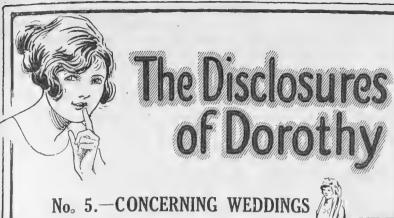
wear. It's only in America that "sparkling" accompaniments make their appearance by day, generally in the form of jewels, so numerous that the woman who wore them in England would at once be written down as the wife of a profiteer.

Vogues for Yellow. Yellow of all shades, but more especially a rich canary hue, is making its appearance in the fashionable world. Its use is by no means restricted to gowns intended for wear under artificial light, and already beauty doctors are getting busy on a new complexion shade to wear with what



An eagle-feather fan now replaces the old ostrich variety.

is admittedly a trying colour. The present "matt" and purplishtinged complexions are frankly impossible with yellow; but there is a deep ochre-tinted powder to be had, and it's possible that we may yet see cheeks coloured to match the gown worn by the owner.



F you went to many war weddings you will remember the queer pity that caught at your heart as you watched smiling bride. You keep the know what the laughter hid.

But how well they did hide it, the brave, gallant young things.

That 's all over now, thank Godand the orange blossom and the bouquets have come into their own again, and the bridegroom is rele-

gated to the secondary place he used to hold before the war made him the central figure of a drama that, within a few short days, might have turned to tragedy.

After all, it is the bride's day. The bridegroom may be a charming and beautiful young man; and the bridesmaids so many attendant houris, but nobody really matters except the bride. The thought and

> love that have gone into her trousseau-the days spent in acquiring those delectable nothings that become more delectable (and more costly) every month as ever isall reach their climax in the great moments of walking up the aisle, the beheld of all beholders. It's trying, too, of course. More so at the reception afterwards when eyes have grown a wee bit less kind and the least blemish on perfection is sure to be noticed—and remembered. Maybe you catch your best friend's eye-across an ice-and there's just the least suspicion of criticism in it. Perhaps she is thinking-" What a

pity the old darling would have it cut just like thatshe'd have looked tons better if ...

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Me—I have my own plans. Oh, yes. What girl hasn't? I intend to be so perfect that his most utter relations won't have the thinnest ghost of a criticism to offer. I 've slackened just a bit in my schoolgirl enthusiasm for thick, thick satin and priceless lace. I think perhaps with Peace so barely realised, and everybody so doubtful and wondering just what will happer with Bolsheviks springing up in all sorts of unexpected places—I met one at a drawing-room last week—that it might be better to retain a little of the simplicity that ruled our wartime marryings and giving in marriage. Don't you think?

But whatever I wear—"silk, satin, cotton, rags"—there's just one item of my toilet upon which I am never undecided. The—the backbone, so to speak—of my wedding dress (please don't think I 've forgotten that backbones are hopelessly "out." I droop from the waist like any heavy-headed flower or a this year's debutante) will be a La Vida. I wouldn't trust anything else to give me the serene self-confidence of the bride who knows she looks like a Worth or Paquin dream. Believe me—that feeling will carry any woman triumphantly through any ordeal—even the wonderful, terrifying ordeal of her wedding day.

To all to-morrow's brides! Be sure to have your wedding dress fitted over a

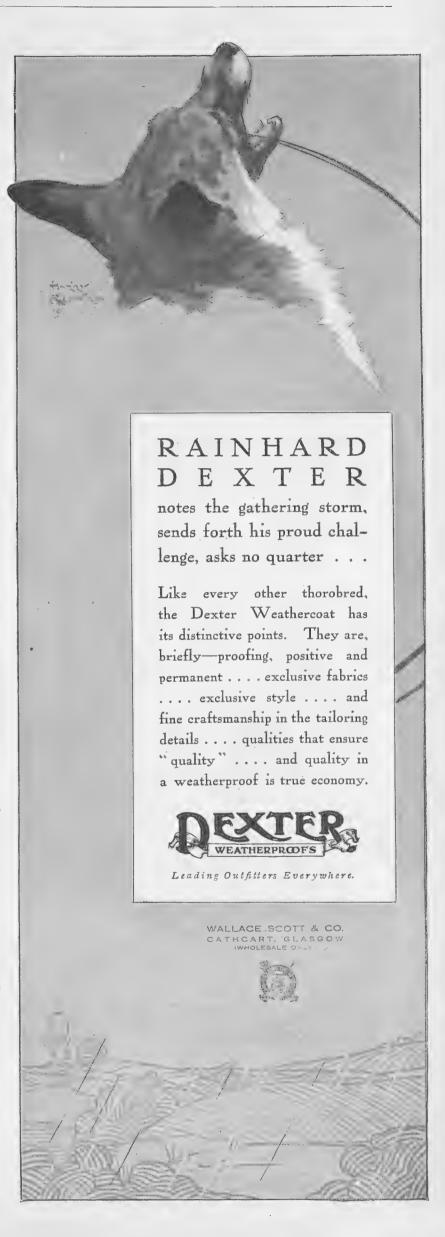
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THE WOMAN OUT OF TOWN.

The other day, motoring through the moun-Weather-Wise tains towards Berriedale, we saw two herds of Deer. deer down to about six or seven hundred feet above sea-level. They looked fine, the stags' antlers showing up against the sky-line. Next morning the high hills were white with snow. The deer knew what was coming! A party was out from Langwell, including the Duke of Portland. They were not, I think, stalking the deer, which were, I imagine, in sanctuary; but they had guns or rifles under their macintoshes, and it was blowing half a gale and raining ice-cold slashes of wet, so being out about "deers"

is not such a soft job as being about among dears!

Comfort in Cold. The only way to motor in comfort is to be "not at home" to Mr. Cold—a very intrusive and impertinent person. It sounds all very well to say this, but to do it is a different matter. There is a way—a real Jaeger camel's-hair coat, and a tam-o'-shanter to match. Such a coat lined as to one's body with silk "sports the oak" to Mr. Cold at his most persevering. Should it be wet motoring weather, a light oil-skin over it is a good thing, albeit the camel's-hair turns the rain. They are made with double protection over the chest and knees, and with a collar and tie that fasten up to the neck. Cosily soft and warm are these coats, which are very precious possessions. The warmth and lightness of Jaeger underclothing has been appreciated here for forty-odd years, and our officer men knew its value in war time. During Capital and Labour war time some of us, marooned away from home comforts, were grateful to those supplied by our Jaegers.

Pride Brought Low.

One thing that exposure to the breezes and the wind-driven rain teaches, and that is some help is necessary for the skin of the

face and ears to keep normal under these conditions. There is a girl who makes it her boast that good soap and the soft water we have here in the Highlands are all that she ever uses. Up to a few days ago her skin throve on it; then came a rough motor expedition, when sand mingled with the assaulting rain. Our young friend went to bed and slept the sleep of the tired-out. Next morning her face burned and smarted, and looked

That black velvet and lace always go well together is almost a platitude; in this particular instance

the lace, being of the oxidysed-silver variety, gives the dress a distinctively modern touch.

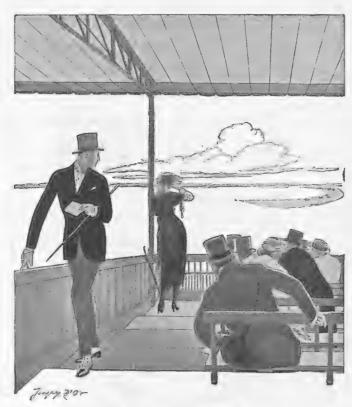


red and rough, and we began with one accord to hum, "Good soap and soft water are all my skin ever gets." poor dear was reduced to tears, so we warmly sympathised and ran to our rooms for our beloved Royal Vinolia Cream, and our young friend was soon skin-soothed and happy. She is not now so "cocky" about her complexion, but quite as dependent as the rest of us on our boxes of "R.V.," which we are using most carefully in view of possible difficulties as to further supplies.

Laing Pedigrees. We get very varied samples of weather here, but since we have been up have always had fine Sundays. It reminds one of Tom Morris's saying of such days: "It's a graand goughing day chust suppit oop by the Sabbath." We cannot golf here on Sunday, nor shoot, nor fish, nor do any such thing, or we should be put down as "godless bodies frae the Sooth," and Highlanders have ways of making you value their good opinion. We do motor or walk out to lunch, and this meal is usually a cheery one. A man was talking of a very ancient family in these parts, Maclean for choice, and told us that once a member of it was boasting of his long descent. "Well," said another, "there were no Macleans in the Ark, anyway!" "No that," said the "We Macleans aye ha'e a Mac: boat o' oor own!" The day will never come, I think, when these Northerners cease to value ancient lineage—but then, your gillie has it equally with your laird.

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By H. DENNIS BRADLEY.

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I seldom write of clothes—it is such a serious subject . . . with men a very sombre one.

But since we are exhorted by the Powers That Think They Be to economise, I will deal with the cost.

The prices charged by this House are less than double those of pre-war. The minimum price before war for a lounge suit was six guineas, and the most expensive cashmeres about eight guineas. The minimum price now for a tweed suit is ten guineas, and for cashmeres from twelve to fourteen. And yet, early this year I placed orders for sufficient woollen materials to make about £100,000 of suits at 160 per cent. increase on 1914 prices.

This is a cold statement of fact, and not a camouflage of figure juggling. And if the prices charged at present were reduced by 10 per cent. the Shareholder of Pope and Bradley, there is only one—myself—would be compelled to live on the unemployment dole or become a Cabinet Minister, or a Pharisee or a Publican or a Republican.

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bad beer.

The price of bad beer is about four times as much as it was pre-war for good beer. Which is equivalent to Pope and Bradley charging thirty-two guineas for a suit so bad that even a brewer would be ashamed to be seen wearing it in the suburbs on Sunday

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These are problems for the Profiteering Tribunals when they eventually commandeer and sit in the British Museum.

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And all the time the Government sardonically laughs, knowing itself the greatest Profiteer of all. For when their brains went woolgathering up went the prices of clothes.

I will refrain from further argument lest this House be mistaken for a Philanthropic Institute—which it is not. It is merely a commercially moral establishment organised to provide the proprietor with occasional caviare and the Bureaucracy with a devil of a big Income Tax.

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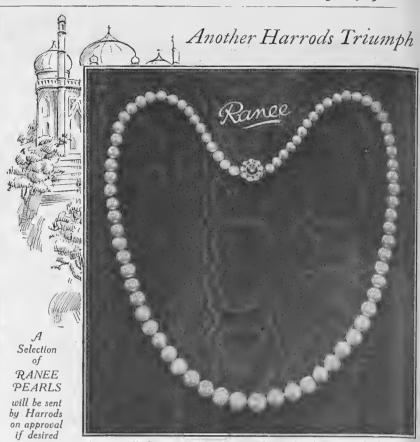
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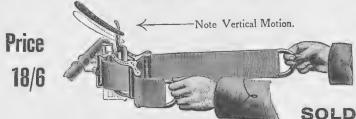
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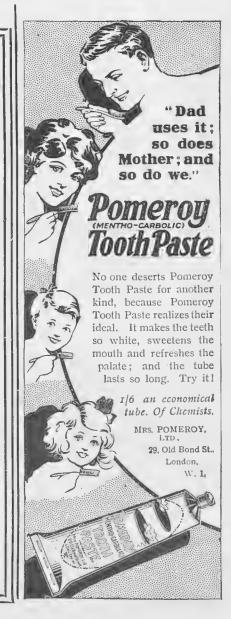
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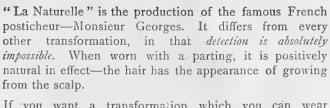
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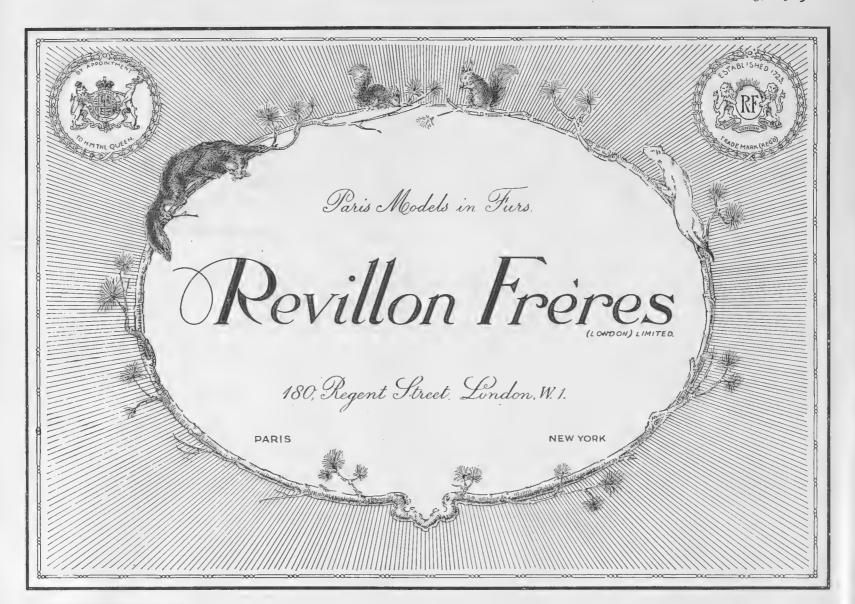
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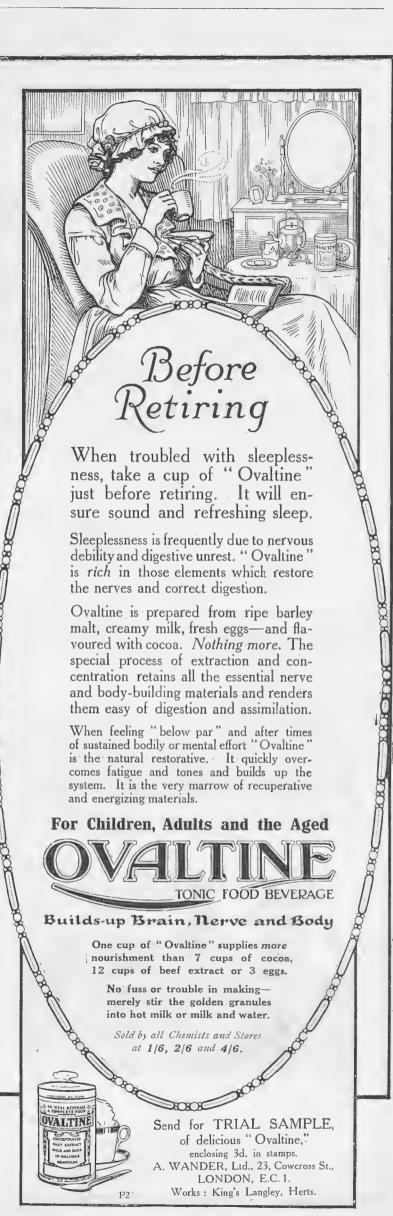
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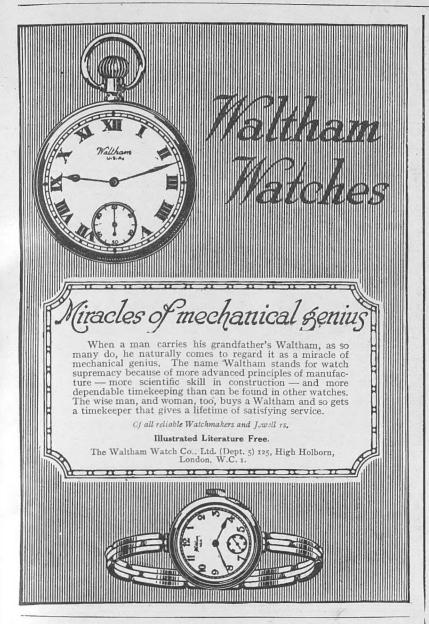
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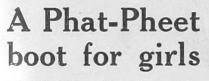
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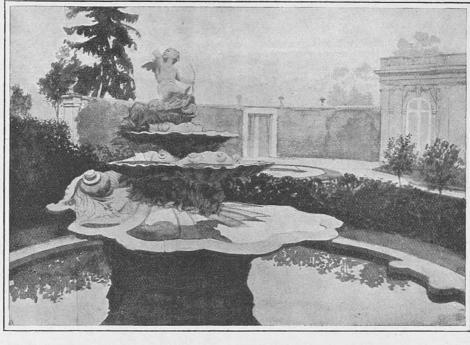
Cigarettes now; these give those of us who have pet "stinkoras" to think furiously, for supplies were short-we had looked to renew them so soon in the You may im-South. agine that a man who was going up to Scapa with quite a big supply of "Greys" (the celebrated silk-cut Virginians manufactured by

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some deals en route. Now, with minds at rest, we have ceased even to ration smokes, and sit out in a verandah and puff blissfully despite the rarity of puff trains, and feel that if we have to be marooned this is the place to choose for the process. Also our weather is delicious-so mild that we have no fires until evening, and so bright and sunny and breezy that, let strikers strike never so inconsiderately.

we feel life to be well worth living.

"War Pictures at the Royal Academy," being the illustrated official record of the war, will be published by authority of the Imperial War Museum early in December, at the popular price of half - a - crown, by Walter Judd, Ltd., publishers of "The Royal Academy Illustrated." It will contain reproductions of pictures painted by leading artists who were specially commissioned by the Government to visit the fighting areas in various parts of the world, including Mr. John S. Sargent, R.A., Sir William Orpen, R.A., Mr. Charles Sims, R.A., Mr. George Clausen, R.A., Mr. D. Y. Cameron, A.R.A., Mr. Glyn Philpot, A.R.A., Sir John Lavery, A.R.A., Mr. H. Hughes



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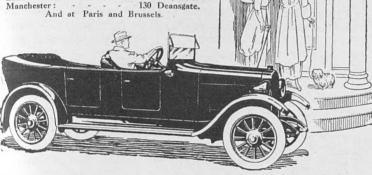


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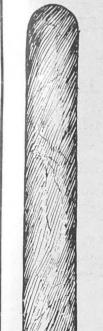
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INDUSTRIAL PREFERENCE SHARES.

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Company,	Share.		Nominal.	Current	Yield Per cent.			
Benger's Food -	6				43		6	
Selfridge's	6	Per Cent. Cum.	Prefs.	£I	I 5-32	5	3	9*
J. C. & J. Sears -	7	Per Cent. Cum.	Prefs.	£I	11-16	6	II	9
William Whiteley	41	Per Cent. Cum.	Prefs.	£I	11-16	6	II	6
Liebig's	5	Per Cent. Cum.	Prefs.	£5	4 1-8	6	2	0
	* Fr	ee of income tax up	to 6s.	in the f.				

Benger's Food paid 111 per cent. on their £250,000 Ordinary shares last year, and have reserves and balances totalling £181,000. So the 30,000 Preference shares are very well covered. The market in them is naturally rather restricted. Selfridge's are thoroughly progressive and doing a rapidly increasing business, and to anyone who is liable to the full 6s. in the £ income tax, the yield is very attractive.

J. C. and J. Sears have been mentioned before in these Notes, and are better known as the True Form Boot Company. The Directors have always financed prudently, and have built up a strong position. Reserves and carry forward at the last accounts amounted to £122,600.

In common with the rest of the big drapery houses, Wm. Whiteley have had a very prosperous time lately, and the distribution on the Ordinary shares has been brought to 8 per cent., and reserves attended to. The shares should stand higher. Both classes of Liebig's shares are covered by reserves and undivided profits.

OUR STROLLER IN THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

"Hullo! How on earth-

Our Stroller's expression of alarm caused his broker to break

The pair moved into the Russian Mining Market (where there is always plenty of room), and in a sentence or two Our Stroller explained the situation.

"It gives me awful thrills to come in here," he confessed. "I know I shall be spotted one day, and then have my coat ripped off my back and all that kind of thing. But don't give me away until it's necessary, will you?

The broker reassured him on the point, and then, "Have you been round the House?" he asked, after recovering from his aston-

ishment and amusement at his client's audacity.

Yes, I have been into some parts, but I can't understand it a bit. Why don't you admit strangers, and authorise paid guides to show them round?"

'I'd like to take it on myself," said the broker reflectively. "Where we now are is the so-called Market for Russian Mining Shares.'

'So called?"

"Yes. Hardly anyone ever deals here except on those rare occasions when there happens to be a little life for perhaps two weeks. But, of course, the market will wake up for good some day. I shouldn't sell the shares now if I'd got them. Things have been very much better just lately, on the Bolshie news."

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"Those fellows over there? That's the Chartered Market, and the Rhodesian Market next. See the dome's made of glass, don't you? The chaps who deal in that Market didn't half get the wind up when the day-time raid epidemic was on."

"Well, I shouldn't like to have been there myself if a bomb

had fallen through the dome."

"Just as dangerous as most other parts of the House were in those peaceful days," replied the broker. "What do you think of the-

A pair of men separated broker and client. Our Stroller lingered a second to listen to a bargain being done.
"Chartered are three-six," he heard a jobber say. "Make

it you in five hundred."

'Doesn't quite suit."

"Three-farthings closer one way."

" Mightn't help me."

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